



Great Horwood Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 13th June 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Great Horwood.

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Present: Cllr Mary Saunders (MS) Chairman, Cllr John Gilbey (JWG) Vice Chairman, Cllr John Gunn (JRG) Cllr Jane Holland (JH), Cllr Angela Mayne (AM), Mandy Cliffe (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

1.	<u>To receive apologies for absence</u> Cllr John Huskinson (JRH), County Councillor John Chilver and District Councillor Sir Beville Stanier sent their apologies.
2.	<u>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th May 2016</u> The Minutes were approved without amendment.
3.	<u>To receive declarations of interest</u> No declarations of interest were received
4.	<u>To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting not otherwise included in the agenda</u> Cllr MS noted that planters have been replanted with summer bedding. Councillors were requested to water the planters in hot weather; Winslow Road – Cllr JRG, Nash Rd - Cllr AM, Little Horwood Rd - Cllr JH, Pilch Lane - the Clerk. A request for the Singleborough planter would be placed in Focus (Action Clerk)
5.	<u>To co-opt a new councillor</u> No formal election has been requested by residents to fill the vacant council post. It was decided that the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman would speak to the person who had expressed an interest in taking up the post.
6.	<u>Public participation period</u> It was noted that various hedges throughout the village needed trimming to keep pavements clear. It was decided that the Chairman would place a notice in Focus requesting residents trim any hedges that infringe the pavement. (Action Cllr MS). Jonathan Harbottle of Land and Partners spoke to the meeting about the proposed development of the Land south of Little Horwood Road, one of the sites identified for housing in the Neighbourhood Plan.
7.	<u>Report from the Recreation Committee</u> The GHSRT Report is attached to these Minutes. Cllr MS reminded GHSRT representatives that the Charity Commission return was 134 days overdue.
8.	<u>Footpaths Report</u> Robert Deuchar reported <i>"I have completed the pruning of the Parish's footpaths and its one bridleway. I was not happy with the state of FP 11, from Little Horwood Road to the A421, as the path has not been restored through crops, and I shall be taking this matter further. Otherwise I did not find any problems"</i> . Cllr MS thanked Robert for his hard work keeping the GH footpaths in wonderful order and also for trimming the overgrown area leading up to the kissing gate on Church Lane. This area leads to a metalled road and is not a footpath.
9.	<u>Roads Report</u> Cllr MS reported that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are roadworks to the north of the Nash roundabout by Crossroads Kennels. The owners are widening the crossovers on the Winslow Road Nash and building a hard standing. Work is due to finish on the 17th June. 2. Pilch Lane road repairs had started and were due to run until 17th June, weather permitting. 3. A421 roadworks will be carried out on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th June between 0700 & 1900. The road will be closed between the Nash Roundabout and the Buckingham Ring Road to undertake surface dressing. No diversions have yet been advised. 4. There is no further news on Anglian Waters plans for a Nash Road closure outside the Chapel House. 5. Anglian water is working on School End until 16th June to repair "visibly leaking burst main in the carriageway". 6. The potholes on The Green have been filled by ABH Landscapes.
10.	<u>Planning Report</u> Councillors were provided with an updated Planning Report which was ratified at the meeting.
11.	<u>Issues arising from the Planning Report</u> The developers of Horwood Mill have won their appeal and now have outline planning permission for the site. Detailed proposals for the site would need to be submitted to AVDC for planning consent, giving the Council and residents a further opportunity to raise their concerns.
12.	<u>Neighbourhood Plan Matters</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Land south of Little Horwood Road. The meeting was advised that Land & Partners were holding a

	<p>consultation meeting on Tuesday 21st June between 4.30 and 7.30pm in the Village Hall to allow residents to view the developers' plans for the site North of Little Horwood Road.</p> <p>2. Land off Nash Road. Paul Fello of Kingsmead Homes advised the Council (by email) that issues had been raised by Vikki Slawson, AVDC Housing Development Manager re the allocation of affordable housing on the Nash Road development site. This was delaying the granting of planning permission. It was resolved that Cllr MS would draft a letter in response to Mr Fello. (Action Cllr MS). It was further noted that issues with the proposed permissive path had not been resolved with the landowner. The Clerk was asked to speak to the landowner. (Action Clerk)</p>
13.	<p><u>Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan update</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A consultation on the draft VALP will be held in Buckingham on 13th July and in Newton Longville on 27th July (open to all). A further consultation will be held in Winslow on 10 August. 2. A meeting will be held at the AVDC Gateway at 6.30pm on 13th July to discuss the draft VALP. Cllr MS will attend on behalf of GHPC. 3. Winslow Town Council has requested a joint meeting with Little Horwood Parish Council and GHPC to discuss the draft VALP. 4. David Saunders outlined some of the main effects these proposals would have on Great Horwood. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. It changed the classification of GH from a large village to a medium village. This reduces our requirement from having to provide between 100 and 120 houses to a fixed number of 81. The Parish council would have a year to revise the Neighbourhood Plan to accommodate this requirement. b. The VALP proposes a new settlement either at Haddenham or Winslow. The decision has not been made but it was felt that the most overflow demand was from the Haddenham area. However, Winslow could still be required to accept 1000 houses (450 more than already planned). c. The VALP proposes to make travellers sites permanent. d. The closing date for consultation is 5th September - before the September PC Meeting. Councillors need to consider their response and a special meeting may be required in August.
14.	<p><u>Reports</u> - to receive reports from meetings attended by councillors</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllrs JH and AM attended an AVDC training meeting (general planning) on 25th May. 2. Cllr MS attended a Village Hall committee meeting and reported that some internal and external repairs are planned.
15.	<p><u>Consider a request to place a greenhouse on an allotment</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An application was received from a Willow Road allotment holder to replace a poly tunnel with a greenhouse. The request was agreed, however, Cllr MS made it clear that further applications should be considered on a case by case basis. 2. The Clerk was exploring the possibility of clearing the derelict allotments at the Castlefields site using the Probation Service's Community Payback Scheme.
16.	<p><u>Speed Watch</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr JRH is planning to have the speed camera from 17th June for approx. 10 days. He has produced a spreadsheet to note volunteer availability however co-ordination is not always easy. More volunteers are required. 2. Thames Valley Police has provided two specimen letters to place on cars parking on white lines in Spring Lane and blocking the pavement in Great Horwood. The Council decided that they should not be used at the moment as the situation required further consideration. The Clerk was asked to write to the local school highlighting the problems of inconsiderate parking. (Action Clerk).
17.	<p><u>School Crossing Patrol</u></p> <p>Progress with the school crossing patrol has stalled due to the lack of applicants for the job. An advertisement is planned for the July Focus by Bucks County Council and Cllr JRH is hoping to attend the Church Fete on 2nd July with a life size cut out patrol officer to try and encourage interest.</p>
18.	<p><u>Cricket Club Lease Renewal</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was resolved to renew the GH Cricket Club lease in line with Charity Commission Guidelines, however, a decision needed to be made as to whether this would be under CC28 or a Section 105 Order. It was resolved to ask the Charity Commission to investigate the possibility of gaining an order permitting the granting of a 30 year lease to the Cricket Club without following the procedures of section 119 of the Charities Act 2011. (Action Clerk). 2. It was resolved to appoint David Watling of Robinson & Hall LLP to look at the land and to advise on the appropriate rental. (Action Clerk).
19.	<p><u>Kissing Gate</u></p> <p>The PC was advised by Footpath Monitor, Robert Deuchar, that Bucks County Council would need to survey the stile on Footpath 4 and advise on the appropriate gate. He has already contacted BCC and further discussion would be postponed until their report was received.</p>
20.	<p><u>Devolution of Services Update</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cllr JWG reported that the grass contractor Ian Walker of Walker Grounds Care had made an error in costing the grass cutting element of the Devolution Tranche 2 contract. Mr Walker would continue to fulfil the contract for 2016/17 but could not commit to the following year as an increase in payment would need to be negotiated. Another option would be to consider decreasing the number of cuts from fortnightly (Bucks County Council mowed four times a year). Cllrs JWG and JRG felt that costs should be reviewed in the next PC budget with a view to an increase in precept. Cllr JWG was asked to investigate a realistic cost for this work. (Action JWG).

	<p>b. Cllr AM asked about the lack of weed killing on the road edges. Cllr JWG confirmed that this was part of the contract however only £129.00 had been allocated for this aspect of the contract.</p> <p>c. A complaint had been received about cut grass left on pavements making them slippery in the wet. It was accepted that sweeping up the grass would be an expensive commitment. Cllr JWG was asked to obtain a quote from the contractor before the next PC meeting. If feasible this cost could be added to the 2017/18 contract. (Action Cllr JWG).</p>
21.	<p><u>Review of Council Documents and Policies</u></p> <p>1. The Asset Register was accepted as published with the proviso that the PC work towards including a record of all properties that the PC either own or have an interest in. (Action Clerk).</p> <p>2. Standing orders. Cllr MS pointed out inconsistencies in references as to when to use email, post and letters for council business. Additionally, GHPC now records planning applications electronically whilst Standing Order 6.1 talks of "the Planning Book". Further work is, therefore, needed before the review can be completed.</p> <p>3. Complaints Procedure and Press and Media Procedure. It was decided that it would be sensible to develop policies on these issues.</p>
22.	<p><u>Review and Allocation of Reserves</u></p> <p>Reserves were reduced due to the legal costs of the Weston Road Inquiry. It was resolved to accept the specimen analysis with one change - the £5000 set aside for the Winslow Road Footpath would be reallocated to maintenance of the Green and Devolved Services.</p>
23.	<p><u>Acceptance of Annual Accounts</u></p> <p>The Annual accounts were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.</p>
24.	<p><u>Review Accounts for 1 April to 13th June 2016</u></p> <p>The Accounts were reviewed and accepted by the Council.</p>
25.	<p><u>To agree items for payment</u></p> <p>Payments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Walker Grounds Care- £600.00 – BACS – For laying of basketball hoop patio for GHSRT 2. Mike Hobday - £27.22 – Cheque – for purchase of tarpaulins for GHSRT 3. NBPPC - £20.00 – Cheque – Subscription 4. ABH - £55.00 – Cheque – for filling two potholes on the Green 5. Walker Grounds Care - £514 – BACS - Devolution Grass Cutting (2 months) 6. Clerk's salary - £281.84 - S0 7. ICO - £35.00 - DD - Information Commissioner's Office Registration 8. Eon Maintenance - £110.70 – BACS - Street Light Maintenance 9. Zurich Insurance - £1126.63 – Cheque – retrospective 10. Leigh Day - £8400 – Cheque – retrospective 11. Eon (22 Apr) - £69.81 – DD - Omitted at the April meeting 12. Bucks Association of LC Subs - £136.68 – Cheque – retrospective <p>Receipts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A VAT refund of £1003.41 has been received from HMRC 2. Interest totalling £1.42 has been paid into the Business Instant Access Account.
26.	<p><u>Items for the next meeting</u></p> <p>Ongoing review of council policies</p>
27.	<p>Confirmation of date and time of next meeting Monday 11th July 2016 at 7.30pm</p>

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

Signed _____ **DRAFT** _____

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Horwode Pece Management Committee - Report to Parish Council June 2016

It's June, time to celebrate, with Garden Parties and picnics to remember Her Majesty's 90th. Remember also that June is the anniversary of the official opening of our Rec. Each year we celebrate with 'Picnic on the Pece'; which this year will be held on Sunday 19th June.

Please announce this to all present at the Parish Council Meeting and encourage everyone to attend. Giocosio have agreed to play at 'Picnic on the Pece' again this year; always enjoyable, we are grateful for their continued support and look forward to seeing you all.

Following the spring working party, plus two additional repair sessions to make good some local vandalism, the Rec. is in great shape. The vandalism relates to some inconsiderate members of our community kicking off (I assume it was by kicking) two pieces of wood from the surround of the teenage area. These had been left with the large fixing screws sticking up-right, just ready for some youngster to fall on!! Anyway, this has now been made good, thanks to Steve Brigden and Mike Hobday.

At my last Rec. check everything looked fine; the grass had been cut, the new paved area had been laid under the basketball hoop and the only remaining major work is the laying of the woodchip, which will now not be completed until after 'Picnic on the Pece'. We cannot go ahead with this until a subcontractor can be found to lay the 90 cubic metres of woodchip.

The RoSPA Rec. check falls due in May/June. We are not informed in advance when this check will be; but as I write, I hope it has been inspected and look forward to the report which will be sent directly to the Parish Council.

I look forward to seeing you all at 'Picnic on the Pece'.

John Nicholls
Chairman
10/06/2016

Planning Committee Report - for meeting on 13th June 2016

Below are current and recent Planning Applications. The Parish Council is invited to ratify the comments made to AVDC on behalf of the Planning Committee since the last meeting.

CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Date Received	Application Number	Applicant	Site Address	Details of Application	Parish Council Response	AVDC Decision
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Determined

18/03/2015	15/00118/REF (originally 15/00774/AOP)	Mr P Dean	Horwood Mill, Spring Lane GH, Bucks MK17 0NY	Application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved for the redevelopment of the redundant industrial site to a residential development to provide 7 no. dwellings and associated parking.	Appeal (Objection)	Appeal allowed 6/6/2016
19/05/2016	16/01743/AGN	Farokh Kharooshi	Bywater Meadow Pilch Lane, Great Horwood, Bucks, MK17 0NX	Erection of agricultural wooden timber framed building	No Objection	Approved

Pending

29/08/2014	14/02414/AOP	Talbot Homes	Land at Willow Road	Outline application with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for the erection of up to 34 dwellings including associated infrastructure and work.	Objection	Awaiting Decision
25/09/2014	14/01540/APP (Revised)	Taylor Wimpey	Land off Weston Road	The erection of 42 no. residential dwellings together with associated access, car parking, landscaping and open space provision.	Objection	Awaiting Inquiry Decision
07/07/2015	15/02233/APP	Mrs Carmel Williams	Land opposite Causter Farm	Removal of Condition 2 on planning application ref 10/00680/APP allowed on appeal with ref APP/J0405/C/11/2148933 and APP/J0405/A/11/2148930 to allow permanent occupation of the mobile homes on site	Objection	Awaiting Decision
24/11/2015	15/03884/APP	Mr & Mrs Wootton	9 a Little Horwood Road	Demolition of existing sheds and construction of a new detached dwelling to "Passivhaus" criteria.	Objection	Awaiting Decision
17/03/2016	16/00877/APP	Mr Paul Ffello	Land off Nash Road	Residential development of 14 dwellings with associated garaging and parking and formation of new access	No Objection (subject to PC letter)	Awaiting Decision
20/05/2016	16/01716/APP	Mr James Reynolds	2 Greenway, GH Bucks MK17 0QR	Two Storey side extension and new pitched roof over existing single storey rear extension and insertion of roof lights	No Objection	
09/06/2016	16/02076/AGN	Farokh Kharooshi	Bywater Meadow Pilch Lane, Great Horwood, Bucks, MK17 0NX	Replacement wooden tractor/machinery store	No Objection	